

REMARKS

Claims 19-21 and 23-45 are now pending in the application. Claims 21, 23-27, 37-42 and 44-45 are amended herein. Claims 19, 20 and 43 are cancelled. Claims 24-25, 27, 40-42 and 44 are rewritten in independent form. Claims 21, 23, 26, 37-39 and 45 are amended to depend from Claim 41. As such, no new matter is added and no new issues are raised. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 43 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Claim 43 is cancelled herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19, 20, 26, 37-39, 43 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allott (U.S. Pat. No. 6,747,521) in view of Iadanza et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2004/0263259). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 19, 20 and 43 are cancelled herein. Claims 26, 37-39 and 45 are amended to depend from allowable Claim 41 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

Claims 21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allott in view of Iadanza and in further view of Justice et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,496,075).

Claims 21 and 23 are amended herein to depend from allowable Claim 41 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

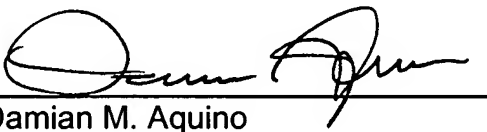
The Examiner states that Claims 28-36 are allowed. The Examiner further states that Claims 24, 25, 27, 40-42 and 44 are allowable to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application and without conceding the issue of patentability, Applicants have amended Claims 24, 25, 27, 40-42 and 44 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21, 23, 26, 37-39 and 45 ultimately depend from Claim 41 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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